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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the Client Reference: 10M486 12US044/MBI

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three (3) cited U.S. patent documents are not enclosed. However, copies of the five (5) foreign

patent documents are included. An English language abstract is provided with the cited foreign

patent document DE 41 20 267 from which the relevance of this document can be ascertained. A

copy of the International Search Report is also included herewith.

Foreign patent document EP 1 136 087 cited on the International Search Report

has a U.S. equivalent, which is document number 2001/0033233 and cited accordingly on the

attached PTO-1449 form.

Foreign patent document DE 101 17 726, which is absent an English language

abstract, discloses an adapter for a blood taking system provided, on its internal wall, with a muff

having an axial guidance. To allow the fixation of a plurality of blood taking system, an insert in

the form of a tube opened on both sides is inserted in the muff coaxial to the internal wall of the

muff. The tube is provided, on its internal wall, with an axial guidance for the insertion of a

blood taking tube.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made

that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with the filing of this Information Disclosure

Statement. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fee is due, Applicants respectfully

request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and further authorize the

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